in spite of the fact that the consultant has not submitted so far any further report on the work of Second Mine Expansion Project of ,NLC;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the payment made so far to the same consultant; and

(c) what are the terms of payments?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) M/s. Rheinbraun Consulting have been' submitting reports periodically and the following payments have been made to them:—

Advance payment—DMs 253659

Payment on prorata completion oi activities—rDMs WOf*

(c) The terms of payment which have been approved by the FRG Financing Agency KFW are as follows:

(i)*Advance payment*

10 per cent of the total contract value against Rank Guarante for equivalent amount to be furnished by the consultant.

(ii) *Payments for services*

Against invoices on quarterly basis for actual manmonths in Germany and in India for the work completed in the previous quarters.

(iii) *Retention money bank guarantee by th$_e$ consultant*

10 per cent of the contract value before commencement of jpayment for wvices.

(iv) *Bank Guarantee for faithful performance af (he contract by the consultant*

Jt) per cent of the contract value.

Second mine expansion project of NIC

3135. S.HRI P. B. CHANDRE GOW DA: Will the Minister of ENERGY fee pleased to state:

(a) .whether jt is a fact that the Ney\ Lignite Corporation Limited had invited one af the contending parties to its spread ers project for second mine expansion programme in or around August, 1987 to approve the question of award of con tracts fo MAN and WMN;

(b) whether ,the same party issued a press note In the form of letter to the *editor*т in the times of India of the August, 1987 (Delhi Edition captional "Mannesmann Demag'; and

(c) if so, what are the details therftdt and the reaction of Government therefon

THE MINISTER OF (ENERGY (SHRl VAsANT SATHE): (a) No, Si..

(b) and (c) This letter to the editor makes no mention of any meeting or discussion between Neyveli Lignite Gorporution and any of ime contending partys poranon and any. for Spreaders Contract.

.Contract to Mls. WMI Cranes Limited

3136. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOW-DA: Will the Minister of EENERGY j** pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the com panies and corporation " under the «lll-ministrative jurisdiction of his Ministiy are still employing M/s. WMI Cranes Limited, Bombay for some contrantial Jobs despite the fact that this company had never performed well anywhere',

(b) if so, what are the details of contracts awarded to this company eijjlw singly or jointly and which are still await ing completion; and

(c) what action is contemplated in the matter so as to impose ban on the award of further contracts'?